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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - OCT 22

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

- U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT.
- PRAVDA CARRIES TASS PEKING ITEM REPORTING MASS RALLY AND QUOTING SLOGANS AGAINST PURGES FOUR. NO COMMENT OFFERED.
- IZVESTIYA'S B. VINOGRADOV COMMENTS ON RECENT IMF/IBRD MEETING IN MANILA, HIGHLIGHTING "SHARP CONTRADICTION" BETWEEN LDC'S AND DC'S, ESPECIALLY U.S. ROLE OF GOLD AS FRIEND OF LDC'S GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION, AND U.S.-PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK AGAIN KNOCKED.
- IZVESTIYA HAS PIECE TAKING NORWAY TO TASK FOR "MILITARY ACTIVITY" ON SVALBARD WHICH DOES "NOT CORRESPOND TO SPIRIT OR LETTER" OF 1920 TREATY (SEPTIL).
- MBFR GETS LONGER THAN USUAL TREATMENT IN PRAVDA (TASS) ITEM REPORTING SOVIET DEL TARASOV'S FIRST PLENARY STATEMENT.
- PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN HAS NEGATIVE REPORT ON ARRESTS IN SPAIN OF THREE COMMUNISTS (ONE LATER RELEASED) AND OMITTS STANDARD OPTIMISTIC REFERENCE ABOUT SPANISH POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.
- ON BULGARIA, PRAVDA CARRIES STRAIGHT TASS REPORTING FROM MINSK ON ZHIVKOV VISIT TO BYELORUSSIA, DOES NOT MENTION KUBADINSKI.

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- ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EXTENSIVE AND EFFUSIVE PRAGUE TASS ITEM ON HUSAK'S PRE-ELECTION SPEECH CARRIED IN PRAVDA SUGGESTS PLEASURE THAT YET ANOTHER EE LEADER SEES NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY ANCHORED IN ALLIANCE WITH USSR; OCT 16 PRAVDA HAD GIEREK SAYING MUCH THE SAME.
- CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE OF LEBANESE EVENTS IN LIGHT OF RIYADH AGREEMENT REFLECTS A CAUTIOUS

OPTIMISM THAT THIS 57TH CEASE-FIRE ATTEMPT WILL HOLD.

PRAVDA'S ARTICLE CITES PLO INFORMATION DIRECTOR M. ABU SHARARA (PHON) ON PLO INTENT TO HONOR THE AGREEMENT DESPITE "A SERIES OF WEAK POINTS" IN IT.

-- R. MOSEYEV IN PRAVDA DESCRIBES ARAB FONMIN MEETING IN CAIRO ON EVE OF FULL ARAB SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 25.

-- PRAVDA DESCRIBES GROWING INTEREST BY SOVIET SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS IN IDEA OF FORMING A SOVIET-LIBYAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY. THIS SOCIAL FERMENT WILL CULMINATE IN AN OCT 28 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TO SET UP SUCH A SOCIETY.

-- IZVESTIYA DESCRIBES, BUT DOES NOT PRINT, TEXT OF NATIONAL DAY CABLES EXCHANGED BETWEEN SOVIET AND PDRY PARTY AND STATE LEADERSHIP.

-- IZVESTIYA HAS NOTE ON PODGORNYY'S RECEIVING IRANIAN AMB AT LATTER'S REQUEST FOR A "WARM FRIENDLY CONVERSATION."

-- PRAVDA HAS SHORT ITEM FROM ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN DAKAR ON RESOLUTE MANNER IN WHICH ANGOLA IS DEALING WITH REMNANTS OF PUPPET ORGANIZATIONS FNLA AND UNITA.

-- KZ HAS TASS MAPUTO ITEM CITING SOUTH AFRICA RADIO IN U.S. PLAN TO SET UP A MILITARY ALLIANCE OF "SOUTH ATLANTIC" STATES. IN THIS REGARD SOUTH AFRICA'S INTEREST IN ARGENTINE AND CHILE IS MENTIONED AS THE SOUTH AFRICA-ISRAEL "AXIS". PRAVDA CARTOON SHOWS SOUTH AFRICA AND CHILE JOINING HANDS UNDER CAPTION ON ALLEGED SOUTH ATLANTIC BLOC.

-- KZ MENTIONS NIGERIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF DANJUMA'S VISIT TO THE TAMANSKIY MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION WHERE HE ATTENDED A TACTICAL EXERCISE INVOLVING "A WATER CROSSING".

-- KZ DESCRIBES PORT-OF-SPAIN MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF GOVERNMENTS OF CUBA, BARBADOS, VENEZUELA, GUYANA, AND TRINIDAD, AND TOBAGO TO DISCUSS BLOWING UP OF CUBAN PLANE OFF BARBADOS. CUBAN REP DECLARED THAT EXPLOSION WAS CARRIED OUT BY MERCENARIES AT BEHEST OF CIA.

2. U.S.

-- ALL CENTRAL PRESS REPORT FAVORABLY ON VISIT BY SOVIET APOLLO-SOYUZ COSMONAUTS TO UN HEADQUARTERS.

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES PHOTO AND CAPTION ON "CONTINENTAL WLK" CALLING FOR REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGET.

- PRAVDA'S TOLKUNOV CITES A U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT ARTICLE ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

-- PRAVDA (TASS NEW YORK) ITEM REPORTS SENATOR

MCGOVERN'S SUPPORT FOR VIETNAM'S ADMISSION TO UN
AND FOR NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-SRV RELATIONS.

-- AND, FINALLY, PRAVDA'S YURI ZHUKOV REPORTS
"EUROPE I" INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH MERCENARY WHO
FOUGHT IN LEBANON AND ANGOLA "ON THE AMERICAN SIDE,"
WITH PAYMENT FOR THE CIA. MATLOCK

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